

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL HEARING
November 17, 2004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold the annual public hearing on the Energy Facility Permitting Program at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon and at 7:00 p.m. in the evening on November 17, 2004, in Conference Room 302 of the Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Metered parking is available on Cedar Street and on the orange level in the ramp on the east side of the building. Only the east entrance to the building will be open for the evening session.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the EQB's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 116C.51-.69, or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 4400.

The EQB has prepared an Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda is identical for the afternoon and evening sessions. The Agenda is available on the EQB webpage at

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>.

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the EQB's offices in St. Paul by the close of business on December 6, 2004. Comments may be submitted electronically. The EQB staff will prepare a written report regarding the matters discussed at the annual hearing within sixty days after the close of the hearing. This report will be provided to EQB Board members and will appear on the webpage.

Direct all inquiries regarding the annual hearing to: Alan Mitchell, Manager, Energy Facility Permitting Program, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, phone: 651-296-3714, e-mail: Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us